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From: David Taylor
Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 6:57:08 PM
Subject: RE: News Release - Sheriff Order to Close Animas River
[President Begaye Demands U.S. EPA Release Information on Contaminants.pdf](#)

Hi Harry,

Thanks for the information this morning. Here are the e-mail addresses of people we would like to be notified on anything relating to the Animas spill.

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And, for your reading enjoyment, attached is the Navajo President's Press Release that went out this morning.

Thanks for your help Harry.

Dave

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Cc: Tenley, Clancy; Duncan, Will; Meer, Daniel; Manzanilla, Enrique
Subject: Fwd: News Release - Sheriff Order to Close Animas River

Hi Diane and Dave

I wanted to let you know about this acid mine drainage spill in the Animas River north of Durango. Approximately 1M gallons of acidic wastewater was released. The attached is the La Plata County Sheriff's order to prohibit recreation in the river.

We are coordinating with Region 8 and 6 on their response to this issue. I want to make sure you know to reach out to us if you feel EPA resources might be needed. In the meantime we will provide updates as we hear more from EPA region 8. I've asked Randy Nattis to communicate with your staff Diane on the spill.

Thanks very much.

My number is 415-218-7406

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: News Release - Sheriff Order to Close Animas River

Effective Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., La Plata County Sheriff Sean Smith issued an order pursuant to CRS 33-13-111 and 112, closing the Animas River to all watercraft including canoes, kayaks, tubes, rafts and other flotation devices from the north County line (San Juan County, Colorado) to the south County line (at the Colorado/New Mexico State line) until further notice. Furthermore, all such watercraft must be removed from the Animas River within the locations cited above.

“This decision was made in the interest of public health after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, San Juan Basin Health Department and representatives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” advised Sheriff Sean Smith. “This Order shall remain in effect until it is determined that the river is safe. EPA test results of the Animas River are expected within 24-48 hours, and the Order will be re-evaluated at that time.”

The City of Durango and La Plata County Sheriff’s Office are posting notices along the Animas River to notify citizens.

A Call Center has been set up for the public at 970-385-8700. As additional information is received, it will be posted to the La Plata County website at <http://www.co.laplat.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department’s Website at www.sjbhd.org<<http://www.sjbhd.org>><<http://www.sjbhd.org>><<http://www.sjbhd.org>>, La Plata County Government Facebook and San Juan Basin Health Department Facebook.